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I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

The Sprouting Umbrella

(Title of the Invention)

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DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)

Title of Invention

the Sprouting Umbrella

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

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